Plan outlay for Andhra Pradesh

125. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the annual plan outlay for Andhra Pradesh for the current year;

(b) whether Government propose to make additional allocation to Andhra Pradesh in view of natural calamities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (c) The agreed outlay for the current Annual Plan (1999-2000) is Rs. 5480.00 crore. There is no proposal for additional allocation to the Annual Plan outlay for the current year in view of the natural calamities. However, National Calamity Relief Committee (NCRC) has approved an assistance of Rs.75.36 crore from the National Fund for calamity (NFCR) for release to the State in the wake of the drought there.

Measures to reduce Poverty in Himachal Pradesh

126. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 73 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd December, 1999 and state:

(a) whether quinquennial survey of expenditure has since been completed;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of people living below the poverty line in Himachal Pradesh District-wise and Panchayat-wise during the last five years; and

(c) what special measures Government propose to alleviate and

reduce the poverty in Himachal Pradesh since the State is very backward and consists much of hilly areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL. PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No, Sir. The survey on consumer expenditure referred to in answer to Starred Question No. 73 on 02.12.1999, covers the period July, 1999 to June, 2000 and the field work of the survey is under progress.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

Method adopted for GDP estimates

†127. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the method adopted to collect data for making estimates regarding Gross Domestic Product of the country has become erroneous;

(b) if not, what is the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government have taken any concrete action to make this method foolproof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES

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